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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
Donald R. Gilbreath	)	
	)	Examiner: Dunwoody, Aaron M.
Serial No.: 10/723,126	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 3679
Docket No.: C02-085A	)	
	)	
For: HYDRAULIC HOSE FITTING	)	
AND METHOD	)	December 1, 2008

Via Fax: (571)273-8300  
The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
MS AMENDMENT  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2008 rejecting claims 1-5. This Response is accompanied by a Petition for a two-month extension of time to respond.

The Claims stand unamended by the present Response. However, a complete listing of the claims is included, beginning on page 2 of this Response, for the convenience of the Examiner.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.